

REMARKS

Applicant is filing concurrently herewith a U.S. national phase application based on International Application No. PCT/IB2004/051048, which was filed on June 29, 2004. Claims 1-40 are pending in that application. By the present amendment, Applicant has amended claims 5, 11-17, 31-35, 37 and 40 to remove multiple dependencies, canceled claims 19-27 and 39 and added new claims 41-48. No new matter has been presented.

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be entered prior to calculation of the application filing fee and examination on the merits. An early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

AUTHORIZATION

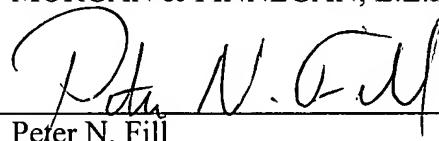
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 4208-4291. A DUPLICATE OF THIS PAPER IS ATTACHED.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 4208-4291. A DUPLICATE OF THIS PAPER IS ATTACHED.

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